

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Fair Housing Month - 2017**

- WHEREAS,** April 11, 2017, marks the 49th anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title Eight of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which seeks to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** fair and equal housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans and illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and
- WHEREAS,** April 9, 2017, marks the 44th anniversary of the City of Orlando's passage of the Chapter 57 Code, Orlando's civil rights ordinance, which is an effective tool for the Office of Community Affairs and Human Relations to offer services to address discrimination and to foster affirmative action in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Orlando's Chapter 57 Review Board, advocates for the citizens of Orlando in the areas of human and civil rights, with a focus on equal rights and equal opportunities in employment, housing and public accommodations; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando continues its commitment to affirmatively advancing fair housing and creating stable, inclusive neighborhoods that encourage the contributions of all citizens, regardless of race, national origin, gender, religion, family status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression; and
- WHEREAS,** the Office of Community Affairs and Human Relations encourages all citizens to participate in the Fair Housing Summit, "*Creating Communities of Opportunity for All*," April 17-18; and
- WHEREAS,** as a "City for Everyone," Orlando has a long history of establishing partnerships that support the development of programs and organizations which are built on the foundation of compassion and that foster compassion in our city;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER,** Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the month of April 2017 as

**"Fair Housing Month"**

in the City of Orlando.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I hereunto have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.